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FOR AMBASSADOR SAYRE - ARA/ECA

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TAGS: OVIP (SAYRE, ROBERT M.), BR
SUBJ: AMBASSADOR ROBERT SAYRE - DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT

1. EMBASSY IS DEVELOPING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST SIX WEEKS AFTER YOUR AND MRS. SAYRE'S ARRIVAL BASED UPON ASSUMPTION THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS ON JUNE 1. (PRESENTATION ON JUNE 1 HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED AND MIGHT SLIP INTO FOLLOWING WEEK.) WE WILL HAVE PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND A DETAILED SCENARIO OF YOUR ARRIVAL IN BRASILIA AVAILABLE FOR YOU IN WASHINGTON AT THE OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 22. SCENARIO FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEL TO WASHINGTON AND CARACAS AND BE AVAILABLE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 24.

2. THERE FOLLOWS A DRAFT STATEMENT FOR YOUR USE WITH THE PRESS UPON YOUR ARRIVAL IN BRASILIA. BECAUSE OF THE EARLY HOUR OF YOUR ARRIVAL AND CHANGE OF PLANES IN RIO, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE PRESS WILL SEEK YOU OUT AT RIO AIRPORT. IF THEY SHOULD, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THATY YOUR COMMENTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO INFORMAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT YOU ARE HAPPY TO BE IN BRAZIL AND LOOK FORWARD TO TAKING UP YOUR POSITION HERE.
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3. SUGGESTED STATEMENT FOR ARRIVAL IN BRASILIA: BEGIN QUOTE. I AM HAPPY TO ARRIVE IN BRASILIA TO ASSUME A POST THAT I BELIEVE WILL BE THE MOST CHALLENGING EXPERIENCE OF MY DIPLOMATIC CAREER. OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN DEVELOPMENTS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IN BRAZIL, IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN THE REST OF THE WORLD. THESE CHANGES,

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THEIR FAR REACHING EFFECTS, AND THEIR MEANING FOR THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE CENTRAL TO MY EFFORTS AS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR HERE. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING IN THIS BOUNTIFUL LAND OF CREATIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE BUILDING BRAZIL DESTINED FOR GRANDEZA. I COME HERE ON BEHALF OF A PEOPLE WHO HAVE LONG REGARDED BRAZILIANS AS CLOSE AND GOOD FRIENDS. THE UNITED STATES LOOKS UPON BRAZIL'S ASPIRATIONS TO GREATNESS AS A LEGITIMATE EXPRESSION OF THE NOBLE GOAL OF A NATION WHOSE ENTERPRISE AND DYNAMISM ARE SO MUCH LIKE OUR OWN. I THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING OUT TO WELCOME ME. TO MY AMERICAN COLLEAGUES, MAY I STRESS ONCE AGAIN HOW HAPPY I AM TO BE HERE AMONG YOU, AND TO MY NEW BRAZILIAN FRIENDS, I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING EACH OF YOU PERSONALLY AND GETTING TO KNOW YOU BETTER OVER THE NEXT MONTHS. THANK YOU END QUOTE.
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